

## The Married Life of Helen and Warren

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EVEN A SERIOUS ILLNESS DOES NOT DIVERT HELEN'S MIND FROM PETTY DETAILS

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"O—no, wait!" Helen, rocking back and forth in a paroxysm of pain. "It may wear off in a moment."

Warren, who had started to phone for the doctor, paused in the doorway, a rumpled, pajama-clad figure, scratching his head in sleepy indecision, but ready for any turn.

"The hot-water bottle," quivering, drawing the covers about her as she sat hunched up in bed.

With flapping, heelless slippers, Warren shuffled into the bathroom, re-appearing with the unwiped, air-puffed bag, which Helen, too sick to be critical, huddled against her.

"Oh—oh," at another gripping pain.

"Oh, do you think it's appendicitis?"

"We'll have the doctor and find out," turning with anxious determination to the phone.

Even in her convulsive pains Helen speculated worriedly over the double fee of a midnight call.

"Doctor Kelly?—This is Mr. Curtis." Helen stopped her moaning to listen.

"Mrs. Curtis is suffering with violent cramps.—No, we dined at home.—No—no fish nor clams.—As soon as you can.—An ice bag?"

"Oh, is he coming?" in the throes of another cramp.

"Soon as he can get here. Where'll I find the ice bag?"

"We haven't any," her teeth a-chatter.

Grumbling about the things you ought to have in case of sickness, Warren stumbled out to the kitchen.

The sound of a hacking ice pick, and he returned with some cracked ice clumsily wrapped in a red-salvaged towel.

"Oh, that's a tea towel," wailed Helen.

"Now, never mind about that. There, how does that feel?"

"Oh, Warren, those shades," shivering under the icy application. "They can see right in!"

"Nobody's up, anyway," glancing at the darkened windows opposite as he jerked down the shades.

"It's getting the bed wet," lifting off the ice compress. "Get a bath towel—that's thicker. Oh—oh," writhing under another attack. "They're growing worse! Oh, why doesn't he come?"

"It won't be long now—he's on the way," putting a comforting arm about her.

"Oh, I can't stand this—I can't! It's appendicitis, I know it is."

Sitting on the bed, Warren made her lean against him while he smoothed her moist hair. But the pain was too great. Even his snickering arms could not soothe her, and she drew away with a feverish:

"Can't you do something? Why doesn't he come—why doesn't he come?"

"He'll be here now in a few moments," Warren kept assuring her.

But there was an anguished half-hour before the clattering bell announced the doctor's arrival.

With professional acclutude he bent over the bed. A hurried examination, a thrust of a hypodermic, and almost at once the sharp pains succumbed to the soothing influence of the morphine.

"Oh, will I need a nurse?" Helen caught their murmured comments.

"Doctor thinks we'd better have one for a few days," soothed Warren.

"It's not appendicitis?" excitedly. "I won't have an operation!"

"That's what we want to avoid," pacified the doctor. "Now don't talk. I want you to try to sleep."

A nurse—a trained nurse! Helen's drugged thoughts were groping with the difficulties and expense. Would there be enough clean linen? All nurses were wastefully extravagant with towels and bedclothes.

They would have to send for Mrs. O'Grady—Dora could not do all the washing. Where would the nurse sleep? Oh, they were not fixed for a nurse or for sickness.

Aroused from her broodings, she stared up at Warren with an anxious, "Has the doctor gone?"

"No, he's phoned for a nurse—he's waiting till she comes."

Yielding to the languor of the drug, Helen lapsed into a drowsy stupor only to be startled by another ring, alarmingly loud in the early stillness.

Warren stayed beside her; it was the doctor who answered the door. Again that low-voiced murmuring in the hall.

"Miss Saunders'll be with you in a moment," the doctor returned to the bedside.

Had the nurse gone into her dressing room? Was it much disordered? Helen tried to remember what she had left lying about.

A rustle of skirts and the white-capped nurse appeared. One appraising glance and with swift intuition Helen knew she would not like her.

She was about thirty, tall, dark, with

## HOW TO FIGHT FIRE

First Step Is to Turn Off Gasoline Supply at Tank.

### SELF-CONTROL IS ESSENTIAL

While Novice Stands Aghast Experienced Man Jumps for Nearest Preventive—Small Extinguisher Is Favored.

(By WILLIAM H. STEWART, JR.)

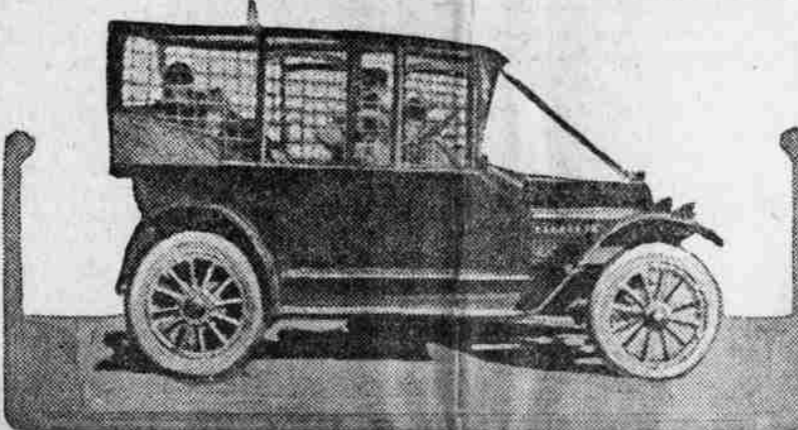
When gasoline takes fire it is a serious matter, but the most dangerous accessory to a fire is the one you least expect, namely, panic.

The average person has such an unreasonable fear of gasoline that he loses his head completely. The first few fires will leave one completely unnerved for a time, but after a little experience in fighting them panic disappears and self-control is gained. This does not mean that one should delay or move any more slowly, but should know what to do and do it quickly.

#### Novice Stands Aghast.

The novice stands aghast as the first burst of flame comes from the carburetor. The experienced man jumps for the nearest preventive. At least one small fire extinguisher should be on every car. The large chemical devices are too bulky and cannot be laid in any position, whereas the ordinary instrument may be stowed away in a small space. The best place is beneath the hood on the carburetor side. This is where the fire starts and may be reached by raising the hood. Some carry them on the running board, but this is objectionable on account of theft liability. If placed under the seat or secured by a lock they are not readily placed in service, and the machine may be badly damaged meanwhile.

## HANDY WIRE MESH TOP FOR AUTOMOBILES



NETTING PROTECTS HATS OF MOTORISTS.

Taking account of stock at the end of an exhilarating automobile trip has doubtless revealed that a comparatively new hat or two, and perhaps some perfectly good and more or less expensive veils have passed on to other owners.

To prevent such losses without curtailing any of the pleasures of automobile, B. F. Cone of Ashland, Neb., has invented a safety guard of wire mesh which will fit over the body of any make of automobile. It will also serve as a protection from brushing tree-branches and from other menaces

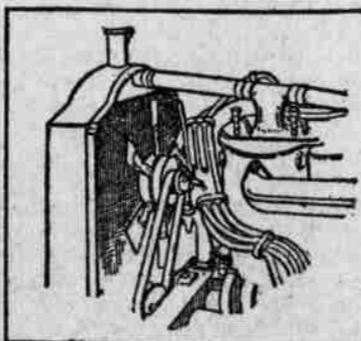
to personal safety and comfort when traveling through less frequented places. If a bad spill should occur, it will prevent the occupants from being thrown out of the car.

The uprights of the frame are secured to the bottom of the sides of the car, passing up through the sides to the top and meeting there a re-enforcing bar which extends from front to rear. These uprights are of steel and are heavily padded on the inside of the car so that if the occupants should be thrown against them no harm would be done.—Popular Science Monthly.

## FAN GENERATOR IS INVENTED

Outer Portion Revolves and Inner Part Is Held Stationary, Reverse of Ordinary Method.

In this electric generator for automobile electric equipment, the outer portion of the generator revolves and the inner portion is held stationary. Instead of just the reverse, which is the case in most electric generators. Fan blades are mounted on this outer revolving portion of the generator so



Fan Generator.

that the outfit combines the duties of a cooling fan with those of an electric generator. A belt from the crankshaft of the engine drives the combination just the same as it drives the cooling fan of the ordinary automobile engine. The support and bearing arrangement is the same as for the ordinary cooling fan. The control and regulation means of the generator are standard as in other generators.—Farming Business.

## TEST BRAKES BEFORE START

Necessary Precaution Previous to Working Car on Hill—Also Make Examination of Wheels.

Never take a car out on hill work without knowing the brakes. To test them properly the rear wheels should be jacked up and the brakes applied gently and then more firmly. At the same time the wheels should be tried to see if they turn freely or are held rigidly. If there is no time for above test speed up and stop the car several times, using foot-brake and emergency brake separately.

chine may be badly damaged meanwhile.

Always turn off the gasoline at the tank to stop feeding the flames. Ordinarily there is not more than two ounces in any float chamber and this will not last long. All the parts about the carburetor are metal and not easily harmed. It is well also to use the self-starter to turn the engine. This will draw flames into the manifold. Quite often the whole fire may be extinguished if this is done in time.

A greater danger arises from permitting an accumulation of inflammable material in the drip pan. Once this becomes fully ignited, the situation requires prompt and efficient action. The work of extinguishing should begin right here, leaving the carburetor till the last. Otherwise the burning gasoline at the bottom will continue to ignite that at the carburetor.

#### Start at Bottom.

So, remember, always start at the bottom and work upward. If there is a flame on the ground beneath the car, use the self-starter with gears in mesh to move to another position. Sand is good if available, but never throw sand on the carburetor or any other parts of the machine. It falls away, leaving gasoline free to burn and also gets into the mechanism, doing incalculable harm. On a flat surface sand is excellent, or any other dry powder. Even flour has saved many a home where gasoline has been used carelessly. The old method of covering the fire with a rug or carpet is good, but the extinguisher is better. This covers the fluid with a layer of heavy noninflammable gas which smothers the flame. Finally, be cautioned never to throw water on burning gasoline. It is heavier than gasoline and tends to spread the flame.

Everyone knows that any kind of a fire is dangerous, but if the above suggestions are employed under self-control, the flame starting from a carburetor backfire will be efficiently stopped at the source.

## Temperance Notes

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

### "DEAD MAN'S HILL."

I have seen a picture inexpressibly sad of "Dead Man's Hill in France" with its 300,000 graves and as many wooden crosses. Far as eye can reach are the figures of black shrouded women; they bend themselves above the graves; they lift themselves with outstretched hands toward the unrelenting heavens. But for them there is a pitiful compensation: They have the trinkets of the Legion of Honor and the memories of heroism that will never die. Powder-blackened and disemboweled, their sons were hurled into long trenches, but above them float the tri-color of France and the flag of the fatherland and they will live forever.

I see today another dead man's hill—a hill that rises in my own land, and from this proud, imperial city. The picture of this hill is infinitely sad. Women crowd it with their forms and cover it with their lamentations and for them there is no compensation, no flag to drape above the picture, no cross of honor to press into the baby's hand, no memory but one of infamy and shame. They weep and through their tears no rainbow ever shines, for their dead have died in vain.

Who speaks for these women, for these who mourn the unnumbered slain of alcohol, who have followed their sons to the drunkard's grave and their daughters to the stake of man's alcohol-fueled lust? Who speaks for them? By the blood of the innocent and by the flag of the free, we speak for them! And we will speak, until, by the grace of God—the God of Washington, and Lincoln, and Lee—until by the grace of the Lord God of Hosts and the votes of the American people we have consummated a saloonless nation, a sober people and a stainless flag!—Daniel A. Poling.

### FIGURES AND FIGURES.

The number of bushels of grain consumed annually in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages has been variously stated by the press, but the figure most generally used has been 600,000,000. The distillers and brewers now are calling the attention of the newspapers to the fact that they use only the trifling amount of approximately 125,000,000 bushels.

The interesting point in the case is that the inflated figure, 600,000,000, originated with the liquor interests some years ago and has been used to impress the men engaged in agriculture with the immensity of the market for grains afforded by the liquor business and the calamity that would necessarily result to the farmers from prohibition.

Not a word of protest was ever uttered by the liquor interests concerning the use of this figure until the war prohibition question loomed large. Then it was made to shrink in astonishing fashion. The figure now named by the liquor interests is approximately the same as that which appears in W. C. T. U. literature, notably in Prof. John Nichol's booklet, "Does It Pay?"—The Union Signal.

### SALOON REVENUE NOT NEEDED.

After the saloons were driven out of Kansas City, Kan., the state's largest city, for the first time in 20 years that municipality made no debt for current expenses. And this without saloon revenue, as its mayor at that time, U. S. Guyer, has recorded in a signed statement.

The first year the saloons were effectively suppressed in Kansas City, it is recorded by a former attorney general of Kansas, that the cost of public prosecutions, which the public had to bear, fell off \$25,000. Another saving of \$25,000 was made by a reduction of the police force. How much was saved the merchants in the better collection of accounts, and how much was saved the people in other ways, cannot be estimated.

### LIQUOR LIES ANSWERED.

Through the misuse of statistics, through cribbing brief statements of fact from official reports and adroitly stripping them from their qualifying clauses, the desperate saloon interest still is trying to fool the nation into believing that prohibition is harmful to Kansas, where the people voluntarily have just added the most stringent bone-dry law in existence to keep liquor from seeping across the state border from the outside.—Capper's Weekly.

### SAVE GRAIN FOR BREAD.

On March 8 the Berliner Tageblatt asserted that the suspension of all beer brewing in northern Germany was imminent, "due to the desire to save maize for bread and malt to take the place of coffee."

### DECREASE IN NUMBER.

The report of the commissioner of internal revenue for the last fiscal year (ending June, 1918) shows decrease in the number of liquor dealers as follows: Rectifiers, 29; retailers, 5,751; wholesalers, 178; brewers, 32.

### THERE'S A REASON.

One of the largest breweries in Colorado has been turned into a malted milk factory, and its owners say they have greatly increased their profits.

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### Classic Poses.

"About our tableaux." "Yes?" "Mrs. De Style has consented to pose as Minerva." "There's one bit of news we'll have to break to her gently." "What is that?" "Minerva didn't use a lozenge."

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### An Early Instance.

"We'd have got on all right if that snake hadn't come along and taken charge of the apple crop," said Eve.

"Yes," replied Adam, "this is the original case of the ultimate consumer getting the worst of it at the hands of the middleman."

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### ENEMIES COME WITH SUCCESS

One Will Not Seem Right to Arrive if He Does Not Seem Wrong to Many, Declares Writer.

You don't make a real success without making real enemies. You cannot hold a strong position without strong opposition. You won't seem right to any if you don't seem wrong to many, says the Labor Chronicle.

A useful life can't be entirely peaceful and carefree.

You must do your duty as you see it.

Every earnest man in every generation has paid the price of individuality. You can't dodge.

The greater you are the greater the penalty of your progress. The further you go, the wider your range, the more you increase the points of contact with which you must reckon, and, therefore, you multiply your battles against misconception and slander and envy and malice.

### A Disadvantage.

"Do you think the 'Star-Spangled Banner' is a good song?" "I don't see why it isn't a perfectly good old anthem. You don't always get a favorable impression of it, owing to the fact that anybody feels free to tackle it, regardless of whether he can sing or not."

### Yet Hope.

"Walter, have you forgotten me?" "No, sir; not yet, sir."

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